

SOAKING RAINS SAVE GREAT COTTON CROP.

DROUGHT SLOWLY BUT SURELY YIELDING TO GENERAL RAINS.

Southwestern and Portions of Northern Missouri, Central and Southern Kansas and Parts of Indian Territory and Oklahoma Were Drenched—Crops Have Been Benefited and Good Pasturage Made Almost a Certainty—Governor's Proclamation Setting Aside a Day of Prayer Will Be Observed.

PREDICTIONS FOR FURTHER DOWNPOURS PLEASE FARMERS.

Government weather officials see the end of the drought in the great corn belt. In some parts of the arid sun-baked and wind-swept corn lands the relief has arrived; in others it is due, and in practically all the promise is for a cessation of hot, dry conditions and general rains. Showers are promised throughout the Southwest country. There the officials see an end to the heat and drought, but in the far Northwest a prolonged heated period is expected. This may affect some of the crops there, but the wheat is practically safe, and harvesting is too near for the drought to do much more than delay the gathering.

Nebraska is driest of all the corn States. Yet scattered rains have brought revived hope, and prospects for rains are good. Iowa, Missouri, Wisconsin and Kansas have been cheered by fairly general showers, and what rain has fallen is regarded as an earnest that more will follow.

Good rains are reported in sections of Louisiana, Arkansas, Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, Indian Territory and Oklahoma. It is likely that the precipitation will help the cotton belt.

THROUGHOUT THE SOUTHWEST.

Further good rains following those of yesterday fell after midnight and during yesterday in many points in the Southwest.

The area covered was principally in Southwestern Missouri, Central and Southern Kansas, and in the central part of the Indian and Oklahoma country.

The heaviest fall was in Sedgewick County, in which Wichita is situated, and where nearly 2 1/2 inches of water fell. The rains have assured the prospects of half a crop of corn and gone further toward making good pasturage a certainty.

The average temperature in the Southwest to-day was considerably lower than for the last two weeks. At Kansas City the highest reached was 97.

WEBSTER COUNTY DRENCHED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Marshall, Mo., July 18.—For the last few days Webster County has been receiving local showers, and to-day it experienced what promises to be a general rain throughout the county.

DOWNPOUR IN WRIGHT COUNTY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Hartsville, Mo., July 18.—Wright County had a good rain Wednesday, but it came too late to save the corn crop. Oats and meadows are ruined. Rivers are very low, but the wells and springs are holding out remarkably well, considering the drought.

LIVELY WIND AT EAST PRAIRIE, MO.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Charleston, Mo., July 18.—A severe storm passed over the country about East Prairie last night.

A tree was blown upon James Freer and his leg was broken. Two warehouses filled with grain at East Prairie were wrecked. A barn on William Denton's farm was demolished, and trees and growing corn were flattened to the earth. A heavy rain-fall accompanied the wind.

RAIN ACCOMPANIED BY WIND.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Sedalia, Mo., July 18.—A destructive wind-storm, accompanied by a heavy fall of rain, passed over Leston, Johnson County, Texas, early this morning, and this evening a number of small buildings were carried off their foundations and much damage was done to trees and fences. No fatalities have been reported.

RAIN FELL IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF PATTA COUNTY TO-DAY, AND THE PROBABILITIES ARE GOOD FOR HEAVY RAINS TO-NIGHT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Looking for rain in Bates.

KINGSTON GETS GOOD WETTING.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Kingston, Mo., July 18.—Local showers fell throughout this section this evening and somewhat relieved the drought situation. An inch and a half of rain fell here, the heaviest rainfall for more than six days. Early corn here will not make a half crop and pasture are burned up and water is becoming scarce. By the bye, this evening will be a great benefit to this section.

GOOD RAINS IN NORTHERN MISSOURI.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 18.—Good rains fell in some sections of northern Missouri this afternoon. In the vicinity of St. Joseph the rainfall was not as heavy as in other parts of the country, but the fall was sufficient to lay the dust and do some good to vegetables.

WILL UNITE IN PRAYERS FOR RAIN.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chillicothe, Mo., July 18.—The pastors of the churches in this section this afternoon decided to hold union services at the Presbyterian Church, Sunday evening, at which prayer will be offered for rain. The pastor of the Methodist church will also be present. Prayers for rain will also be offered at all the churches Sunday morning. Father Honoria Busch of St. Mary's Catholic Church has been praying for rain following mass every morning for over two weeks.

NOT ENOUGH RAIN TO DO GOOD.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

De Soto, Mo., July 18.—A very light shower of rain fell here to-day, but not enough to do any good. In fact, the humidity in the air after the showers and the hot rays of the sun have made the situation more unbearable from the heat and greater damage to the crops.

A GLORIOUS SCENE.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

The Electric Tower as Viewed From Statter's Hotel Delights All Beholders.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

The Electric Tower at the Pan-American Exposition is a source of never-ending delight to the thousands who nightly enjoy it. Viewed from Statter's Hotel, it is a sight never to be forgotten. By the bye, the erroneous idea that accommodations are hard to obtain in Buffalo should be promptly dismissed. One of the editors of the St. Paul Dispatch.

"When you reach Buffalo, walk two blocks to Main street and there take the Main Street car. It will take you to the Exposition in about 20 or 30 minutes and will land you at Statter's and the Exposition, as the hotel adjoins the grounds and it is one of the founders of the Exposition. Although the three stories high, it is the largest hotel in the world, having 2,100 rooms, and its elevators are the most perfect of any in the world. Moderate means may visit the Pan-American without incurring the usual prohibitive expenses usual at such gatherings. You can get a neat, clean room, good meals, promptly and nicely served, and every needed accommodation for \$2.00 and \$2.50 per day, including breakfast and evening dinner. The dining-rooms will seat 1,200 and the morning we left 1,000 people were getting their breakfast all at one time. Excursion parties of 500 and over are swallowed up and unnoted, while so systematic are all the details of management that each one is fully cared for and the hotel is not a bit crowded, but simply to save the Minnesota people and others who go to Buffalo unnecessary expense and trouble."

"Don't let people either on the train or elsewhere dissuade you from the enjoyment of going to Statter's. Indeed, if a party of two or more who intend to stay at the hotel, or on more days, will take a cab from any station in Buffalo and drive out to Statter's, Mr. Statter will refund the cab fare, and will also give the presentation of the cab fare out it and save it."

HOVERING AROUND 110 MARK.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Chillicothe, Mo., July 18.—There has been no relief from the drought at the thermometer hovering around the 110 mark. One prostration has been reported.

NINETEEN IN SHADE AT HAVANA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Havana, Ill., July 18.—The thermometer has stood at 96 in the shade here to-day. There is no indication of rain here to-night.

ATTEMPT OVERCOME BY HEAT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Texarkana, Tex., July 18.—Judge Emil F. Friedel, a prominent lawyer of this city, was overcome by the heat while attending to some legal business at Boston, Tex., to-day. He had to be brought here upon a litter. His condition is not considered serious.

TEXAS.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Dallas, Tex., July 18.—Showers fell near Dallas this afternoon, but did not reach the city. The temperature was moderate about 100 degrees, however. Rain fell at Ennis, thirty miles east, and at Terrell, thirty miles east. Showers were also reported at Pecos, Clarksville and Bonham, in the Red River Valley. These rains were not sufficient to materially help the crop situation. Cotton is suffering and is seriously menaced.

RAINING MODERATELY, 84; CLARKVILLE, CLOUDY, GOOD RAIN FOR ONE HOUR THIS AFTERNOON.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fort Worth, Cloudy, 80; Gainesville—Light rain, 78; Waco—Light clouds, no rain, 90; Belton—Light clouds, 86; Clarksville—Light clouds, 80; Austin—Clear, 81; San Antonio—Clear, 80; Houston—Partly cloudy, 86; Galveston—Clear, 80.

REFRESHING RAINS REPORTED.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Bonham, Tex., July 18.—Refreshing rains fell in several parts of Fannin County this afternoon, breaking the seven weeks' drought in this section.

THE CORN CROP WAS TOO FAR GONE TO BE BENEFITED, AND WILL BE CUT SHORT 50 PER CENT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Cotton is doing well.

FINE RAIN NEAR FLORENCE, ALA.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., July 18.—General rains fell to-day and yesterday over this section, and the crops are saved. The reports are more favorable for the corn crop, which was despaired of for several days when the hot winds were drying up the vegetation.

LITTLE BREAK IN DROUGHT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Raymond, Ill., July 18.—A little break was made in the drought here by a shower last night. Mercury touched 103 to-day.

HEAVY DOWNPOUR AT LITTLE ROCK.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Little Rock, Ark., July 18.—A heavy rain fell in Little Rock this afternoon. Reports from the interior say the rain extended to plantations several miles from Little Rock and did great good to the crops of all kinds.

FOR THREE HOURS RAIN FELL.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Nokoma, Ill., July 18.—Heavy rains beginning shortly before midnight last night succeeded in effectually breaking the long, terrible drought in this section. For over three hours the rain fell, only ceasing for a few minutes at a time. The baked lands drank it up readily, and by this afternoon all vegetation showed a greener and fresher appearance.

EXHORTS EVERYBODY TO PRAY.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fulton Pastor Asks Country People to Attend Church Sunday.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Fulton, Mo., July 18.—The Reverend J. H. Jackson, pastor of the Main Street Methodist Church, in speaking for all the ministers of Fulton, gave The Republic correspondent the following statement this morning:

"Governor Dockery has proclaimed Sunday, July 21, as a day for fasting and prayer. I think the drought may be broken. Whilst many of us think that some day other than that already dedicated to religious service would have been much better, yet we accept the day designated, and now call on all the people to make special effort to keep the spirit of the proclamation. The Sunday morning services in our Fulton churches are now being held at 8 o'clock. Let our friends in the country remember that should be full at that hour. This is no time to 'sulk in tents of ease.' If the drought should be broken by rain before that hour, then let that constitute a double incentive to congregate in God's house for service of praise and thanksgiving, lest a worst thing befall us. This is a time of affliction, and it should be a time of humility and prayer. A drought does not mean any man's fault, but it is a calamity that might come upon us. Fire and pestilence are the natural accompaniments of drought. Let us count our blessings one by one and see if we have not yet left great cause for thanksgiving."

"In this time of distress let us not try to take advantage of the people by charging exorbitant prices for food for men or beast. This time of suffering should not be entered. The God who heard the longing of cattle in Missouri said the plea of the helpless baby with the cry of the poor and mute appeal of the brute creation."



BULLISH MARKET FOR COTTON CONTINUES

Heavy Buying for Good Interests on New York Exchange—Effort to Break Prices Fails.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

New York, July 18.—There was no let-up in the forward advance in cotton values in the local market to-day, and prices for the late months reached the record figures of the season thus far.

Behind the buying, which was far from general, but proved to be for very good interests, were numerous reports of crop damage by drought from the western and central belt, and forecasts for continued dry conditions to-night and to-morrow. The special rain reports from the district west of Georgia noted very light showers only.

New Orleans was slow to respond to our strength, but in the end was forced to join in the general improvement here, later sending liberal near month buying orders.

The market was bullish from the first, and in reality started the uptick in the local pit, which was later carried out by the bullish reports from the crop country. The opening was steady, with prices 2 to 3 points higher. This hesitation in responding to firm cables was but momentary, for pit buying and the appearance of outside buying orders turned the scale positively upward.

There was scarcely a turn in the course of the market for the rest of the morning, and by noon August was selling at 7 3/4, October at 7 1/2, and January at 7 1/8. Just before the noon hour the leading bulls made a faint attempt to start a general selling movement for profits, in order that they might increase their holdings at a lower range of prices. The effort was unsuccessful, however, as prices reached barely 4 points, and was followed by a marked rise throughout the list on active Wall street, southern and room buying.

Now bids indicated an advance for the morning of 7 to 11 points, with January the developed sudden strength and ran up 13 points to 8 3/4 on a scare of shorts, later selling off to 8 1/2.

August was comparatively quiet, and followed the rest of the list sympathetically, yet conservative operators expressed the opinion that August would yet become a strong feature of the market, the belief being that the July clique would not sacrifice its cotton by delivering it on August contracts, as the greater portion of the trade seem to anticipate.

THE WEATHER.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Washington, July 18.—Friday and Saturday: warmer Saturday near the lake; light, northeast to east winds. Sunday: fair, light, northeast to east winds.

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OATS AND CORN SHOW BIG ADVANCE.

With Drought Only Partially Broken, Speculators Take On Large Lines.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.